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TITLE CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: NIKOLA TELESMANIC continues as chairman of subject organization; other officers for 1954 include ANTHON CUKOVIC, STANLEY HRONCICH, STEVE VIDOVIC, IVAN BUDINIC, and GEORGE SPANIA, all of whom are known Tito sympathizers in the New York area. Local Yugoslav element as well as majority of members continue to maintain an attitude of indifference regarding the organization. Membership meetings poorly attended. Only activity of significance was a concert on 1/23/54 which was attended by Yugoslav diplomatic and consular officials. - P* - DETAILS: All informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated. <u>Officers</u> T-1 advised on March 31, 1954 that NIKOLA TELESMANIC continues to be the president and principal figure of the subject organization. He was reaffirmed in this position at a membership meeting of the club on January 29, 1954 at which time the following additional officers were elected: ANTHON CUKOVIC - First Vice Chairman			
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~~NY~~ STANLEY ~~IRONCICH~~ - Second Vice Chairman
STEVE ~~WIDOVIC~~ - Secretary
IVAN ~~RUDINIC~~ - Vice Secretary
TOM ~~LATIN~~ - Treasurer
GEORGE ~~SPANIA~~ - Chairman of Supervisory
Committee

Regarding the meeting on January 29, 1954, the informant advised that only 12 members attended and that the above mentioned names were read by TELESMANIC with the recommendation that these individuals be selected as officers. No debate ensued and inasmuch as no objections were raised, TELESMANIC stated that these individuals were considered elected and would form the new administration of the club.

NIKOLA TELESMANIC

T-1 advised on March 15, 1954 that NIKOLA TELESMANIC was a member of the Yugoslav Section of the Communist Party, USA as far back as 1947. The informant based this contention on the fact that in November, 1947, he observed TELESMANIC in attendance at meetings of the Yugoslav Section of the Communist Party. These meetings, the informant stated, were open only to members of the Communist Party and their credentials were checked prior to their being admitted to the meeting hall.

The informant further said that following the Tito-Cominform split in July, 1948, TELESMANIC immediately aligned himself with the pro-Tito faction among the Yugoslavs and has been active ever since as one of the foremost spokesmen of the pro-Tito groups in New York City. He was one of the organizers of the subject organization as well as a member of the Founding Committee of shareholders of "Novi List", pro-Tito Croatian language newspaper in New York City. In addition he owns stock in the Yugoslav-American Home where he maintains a position of strict opposition to the controlling pro-Cominform group.

TELESMANIC is a house painter by profession and is employed at the Dakota Apartments, 1 West 72nd Street, New York City. He resides at 2357 33rd Street, Astoria, Long Island, Apartment 4 A and is a naturalized American citizen.

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Regarding the above mentioned newspaper, "Novi List", it is to be noted that T-1 has repeatedly stated that "Novi List" is the foremost pro-Tito propaganda organ among the Yugoslav element in this country.

It is to be noted that the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home in New York City has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ANTHON CUKOVIC

T-1 stated that ANTHON CUKOVIC is a close personal friend of NIKOLA TELESMANIC and a member of the captioned organization from its inception. He has frequently been observed by the informant in attendance at public functions held under the sponsorship of pro-Tito-groups. In addition the informant stated that CUKOVIC owns stock in the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home.

On December 14, 1939, T-2 advised that ANTHON CUKOVIC, 410 West 53rd Street, New York City, was then a subscriber to the Croatian language newspaper, "Radnicki Glasnik", published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

It is to be noted that the Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities has cited "Radnicki Glasnik" as "A Croatian daily which the Communist Party admits is under Communist influence." (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, page 280).

Information furnished by T-3, of unknown reliability, on May 19, 1953, reflected ANTHON CUKOVIC, as of 1950, was a subscriber to "Novi List".

STANLEY HRONCICH

A review of the United States Attorney's files in the Eastern District of New York by SA ROBERT C.

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DAVIS disclosed that STANLEY HRONCICH, 30-76 35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York had been prosecuted in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York on an indictment filed May 28, 1936 charging him with perjury in natrnalization, a violation of Section 414, Title 8, United States Code. These files further reflect that HRONCICH was sentenced on July 15, 1936 to be imprisoned for one year and one day, the execution of which sentence was suspended and HRONCICH placed on probation for three years commencing July 15, 1936.

The files of the New York Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York, New York were checked by SA WADE FULLER and reflected that STANLEY HRONCICH was admitted to citizenship in the Eastern District of New York on July 17, 1945. (Naturalization Petition number 410431)

On July 16, 1945 HRONCICH was interviewed by SA ROBERT C. DAVIS in connection with an application for pardon to restore civil rights. He stated that he was not a Communist or Fascist and ^{was} not interested in either doctrine and that he firmly believed in democratic principles and the American form of government. He also stated he was a member of the Yugoslav Unity Club and said that the aims of this organization were to promote solidarity and friendship among Yugoslavs and the rest of the Slavs in New York City. HRONCICH advised that there were probably some Communist minded individuals in the Unity Club, but that he had no specific information regarding such persons.

Regarding Club Unity, it is to be noted that T-1 has repeatedly advised that this is a Communist controlled organization.

T-4, of unknown reliability, advised on October 13, 1952 that STANLEY HRONCICH of 3076 35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, a superintendent at this address, ^{was} strongly favorable to MARSHAL TITO and his Communist government in Yugoslavia. He further stated that HRONCICH went to Yugoslavia in 1949 and that he took many movies on that occasion which he shows to groups in New York City.

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✓ T-1 advised on September 1, 1953 that STANLEY HRCNCICH owns two shares in "Novi List".

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STEVE VIDOVIC

T-1 advised on March 29, 1954 that STEVE VIDOVIC is at present in Yugoslavia on a vacation trip of three months duration. According to the informant, VIDOVIC has, in the past, been one of the most active members of the subject organization and is a close personal friend of NIKOLA TELESMANIC, chairman.

The files of the New York Office disclosed that T-5 advised on May 18, 1949 that STEVE VIDOVIC, as of 1949, was a subscriber to "The Slavic American", organ of the American Slav Congress.

"The Slavic American" was cited as the official organ of the American Slav Congress by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the American Slav Congress and associated organizations, House report number 1951, April 26, 1950, page 1.

It is further noted that the American Slav Congress was designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On June 23, 1949 T-6 advised that STEVE VIDOVIC was in attendance at a banquet given on May 13, 1949 at the Yugoslav American Home in honor of the Yugoslav Delegates to the United Nations.

IVAN BUDINIC

T-1 advised that IVAN BUDINIC who owns and operates a cleaning store in New York City, has a reputation among pro-Tito Yugoslavs of being a strong sympathizer of the present regime in Yugoslavia. However, according to the informant, BUDINIC, although a member of the subject organization, was not active in this or any other Yugoslav organization in 1952 and 1953. The informant stated the fact that BUDINIC has now accepted the position of Vice Secretary and Acting Secretary of the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship during the absence of STEVE VIDOVIC, is to be attributed to his desire to visit

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Yugoslavia in the near future. The informant stated that BUDINIC feels that a demonstration of his pro-Tito loyalty at this time might be of great value to him once he reaches Yugoslavia and might insure his safety from molestations by the Yugoslav Secret Police. In this connection the informant stated that BUDINIC upon a previous visit to Europe about four years ago only travelled as far as Trieste on the Yugoslavia border while his wife went on to Yugoslavia. He remained in Trieste for a period of two months while his wife visited with relatives in Yugoslavia prior to their return trip to this country. The informant stated the strange fact that BUDINIC did not accompany his wife into Yugoslavia was entirely due to his fear of the Tito Secret Police.

TOMA LATIN

T-1 stated that TOMA LATIN is an individual of advanced age who resides in Hoboken, New Jersey and does not seem to be working. He became a member of the Founding Committee of "Novi List" when this paper first organized in 1949 and occasionally writes for "Novi List".

The informant stated that LATIN came to the attention of the Yugoslav colony in New York City when "Novi List" some years ago published a poem by him glorifying Tito and his regime.

The November 9, 1950 issue of "Novi List" page 5 carries an item reflecting that TOMA LATIN had been in attendance at a banquet held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in New York City on November 4, 1950 in honor of members of the Yugoslav Delegation to the United Nations.

GEORGE SPANIA

T-1 on November 22, 1950 advised that GEORGE SPANIA, an American citizen of Yugoslav extraction, prior to the Tito-Cominform split, had been a member of the Yugoslav Section of the Communist Party, USA and in addition had been connected with the following organizations:

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American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia which organization, according to this informant was completely Communist controlled.

Yugoslav-American Home. According to the informant, SPANIA in 1946 was one of the founders of the Yugoslav-American Home.

"Novi List". The informant stated that SPANIA was the treasurer of "Novi List" in 1952 and 1953.

Club Sibenik. The informant stated that SPANIA was one of the founders and is a past president of the social club Sibenik. This organization is composed of individuals born in or near the city of Sibenik in Dalmatia, Yugoslavia. The informant stated that the Club Sibenik is a completely pro-Tito organization.

In addition, the informant stated that SPANIA maintains close contact with the officials of the Yugoslav Consulate General in New York City and attends all social functions held under the auspices of the Yugoslav government agencies.

The informant further advised that SPANIA owns and operates the Express Trading Corporation, 2718 40th Street, Long Island City, New York, a business firm which specializes in selling and shipping food packages to individuals in Yugoslavia.

T-6 advised on March 19, 1952 that EMIL MALISEV, Yugoslav Consul in New York City, prior to his departure for Yugoslavia on March 4, 1952 had stated that SPANIA controls several hundred Yugoslavs in the Yugoslav-American colony in Astoria, New York and as a result, was considered to be an important contact by the officials of the Yugoslav Consulate General in New York City. The informant went on to say that SPANIA entertained no political sympathies with Tito's government, but continued his interest and cooperation with the Consulate for reasons of personal prestige and personal financial profits.

ACTIVITIES

On February 4, 1954, T-7, of unknown reliability, advised that the subject organization was a co-sponsor of

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^ a concert and social affair held on January 23, 1954 at the Yugoslav American Home in New York City. This affair was attended by the departing Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States, VLADIMIR ~~POPOVIC~~ and numerous personnel of the Yugoslav Consulate General in New York City. Ambassador ~~POPOVIC~~ had been recalled to Belgrade, Yugoslavia and, according to the informant, this was his last public appearance in New York City.

The informant stated that the net proceeds of this affair amounted to approximately \$1,000 and were donated to "Novi List."

In this connection it is to be noted that "Novi List" issue of January 28, 1954 (page 11, columns 1 through 7) carried an article concerning the above mentioned concert and reflecting that ALEXANDER ~~JURICH~~ acted as master of ceremonies and Captain ANTHONY ~~RADOS~~ was N.Y. the principal speaker;

Regarding Captain ANTHONY RADOS, T-1 has repeatedly advised in the past that this individual is a strong Tito sympathizer. The informant also stated that RADOS is a prominent member of the captioned organization.

According to a Statement of Ownership And Management published in "Novi List" on October 7, 1952, page 4, column 6, ALEXANDER JURICH is one of the owners of "Novi List."

T-8, of unknown reliability, who was connected with the administration of "Novi List" in 1951 and 1952, advised on October 27, 1952 that ALEXANDER JURICH directs the editorial policy of "Novi List" and that he associates freely with the Yugoslav officials in this country and is in complete sympathy with the Tito government.

^ The aforementioned article in the January 28, 1954 issue of "Novi List" further reflected that in his speech delivered at the concert at the Yugoslav-American Home on January 23, 1954 ALEXANDER JURICH paid tribute to the departing Yugoslav Ambassador VLADIMIR ~~POPOVIC~~ stating that

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POPOVIC will be remembered by all Yugoslav-Americans as an outstanding man and true "representative of the new Socialist Yugoslavia."

JURICH further said that POPOVIC during this three and one half years in Washington, D. C. had been extremely successful in cementing cordial relations between this country and Yugoslavia. In conclusion JURICH said that while the Yugoslavs in this country regretted to see POPOVIC go, they realized that the Yugoslav government wants to use his great ability in some other important capacity for the benefit of the Yugoslav people.

Ambassador POPOVIC in his reply stressed the spirit of friendship and cooperation existing between the United States of America and Yugoslavia. He stated that Yugoslav-Americans such as those sponsoring this affair deserve great credit in having established and deepened American-Yugoslav friendship. He urged the audience to preserve and expand the friendly relations existing between the two countries.

On March 9, 1954 T-1 advised that the captioned organization was one of the sponsors of a farewell banquet given on March 6, 1954 at the New Starlight Restaurant in New York City in honor of ~~BUDIMIR LONCAR~~, departing Yugoslav Consul in New York City. This affair was attended by approximately 135 people, among them Consul General ~~DRAGO CVRUSIC~~, Consul ~~JOVAN RADOMAN~~ and other minor officials of the Yugoslav Consulate General in New York City.

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✓ Among those presenting toasts to the departing Consul LONCAR, was NIKOLA TELESMANIC, chairman of the subject organization and ALEXANDER JURICH, chairman of Novi List, Incorporated. LONCAR in a short speech expressed his thanks and gratitude for all assistance rendered him by the members of the Yugoslav colony during his stay in this country and he assured those present that even after his departure the doors of the Yugoslav Consulate will always be open.

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T-1 who, although not a member of the subject organization, is personally well acquainted with many of its members and some officers, advised on March 29, 1954 that all efforts on the part of NIKOLA TRLESMANIC to rouse and intensify interest in the activities of this organization among the Yugoslav element have completely failed to bear fruit. The informant stated that even the members of the organization continue to display an ~~indifferent~~ attitude towards the club as demonstrated by the fact that membership meetings are usually attended by not more than ten or twelve members and frequently only five or six. Those attending as a rule are older people who intend to go back to Yugoslavia to finish out their lives and, therefore, deem it advisable to demonstrate their loyalty to the present regime in Yugoslavia by supporting pro-Tito organizations such as the Club of Yugoslav-American Friendship.

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Documentation of NIKOLA TELESMANIC

Documentation of ANTHON CUKOVIC

Documentation of "Novi List"

Documentation of STEVE VIDOVIC

Documentation of IVAN BUDINIC

Documentation of TOMA LATIN

Documentation of GEORGE SPANIA

Documentation of CLUB SIBENIK

Documentation of ANTHONY RADOS

Banquet on 3/6/54	3/9/54	SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT	[redacted]
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T-4 [REDACTED] Astoria, LI, NY	Documentation of STANLEY HRONCICH			
T-5 [REDACTED] General Post Office, NY, NY	Subscription list of "The Slavic American"	5/18/49	SA ALESSIO SAVIOLA	NY 100- 26603- 1A 472
T-6 [REDACTED]	Dinner in honor of Yugoslav Delegation to UN	6/23/49	SA T. R. HARRELL	NY 100- 81741- 353
	Statement of EMIL MALTESEV	March, 1952		66-6671
T-7 [REDACTED] of "Novi List"	concert on 1/23/54	2/4/54	SA JAMES M. ANDERSON AND HEINRICH VON ECKARDT	Instant AND Rept.
T-8 [REDACTED] of "Novi List"	ALEXANDER JURICH directing policies of "Novi List"	10/27/52	"	NY 105- 2290-90

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IT IS NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO REPORTS OF SA HEINRICH

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DOCUMENTATION OF "NOVI LIST" AND OF ITS EDITOR, ALEXANDER

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370142) DATE: 4/13/54

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-1433)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka
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Rebulet to New York dated 3/3/54.

A review of the files of the Passport Division, Department of State, revealed that the information set forth in Washington Field report dated (4/23/51) and cited as emanating from Confidential Informant T-1, was based on a State Department intra-departmental memorandum dated 12/1/50. No identification of the source of this information was given other than the comment that a confidential informant of known reliability furnished a confidential source within the Government the mentioned information regarding [redacted]. RUC

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TO : Director, FBI (100-370142)

DATE: May 18, 1954

FROM : SAC, Detroit (105-338)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka.
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Rebutel dated April 29, 1954.

It was ascertained through IVAN BLASKO on May 12, 1954 that [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] Rochester, Michigan. His telephone is Olive 1-3108.

[redacted] was contacted at his residence on May 12, 1954 at which time he stated he had no objection to being contacted by a representative of INS. He is employed by the [redacted] Rochester, Michigan, on the 3:30 p.m. to 12M shift,

It is suggested INS be furnished [redacted]'s working hours in order that they might contact him in the morning while he is home.

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*Letter to INS
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The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

June 4, 1954

Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. Raymond F. Farrell
Assistant Commissioner

CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, also known as
FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNAL SECURITY- YU

Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 17, 1954,
with attachment. Your reference 56316/378-T INV:VFP.

Unfortunately we are unable to make available to you
any of the informants requested in your attachment with
exception of [redacted] who was designated as T-2 in the
report of Special Agent Heinrich Von Eckardt dated February 5, 1953,
at New York, New York, captioned as above. [redacted] was formerly
[redacted] of Novi List, Inc., 216 West 18 Street, New York City, pub-
lishers of "Novi List" and "Glas Naroda." [redacted] currently
resides at [redacted] Michigan, and is
employed on the late afternoon shift at the [redacted]
[redacted] Rochester, Michigan. [redacted] stated that
he has no objection to being contacted by your office; however,
he desires that he not be contacted at his place of employment.

You may wish to contact the [redacted]
[redacted] in regard to the identity
and availability of the informant who furnished the information
attributed to T-14 in the report of Special Agent Heinrich Von
Eckardt dated March 8, 1951, at New York, New York, in captioned
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370142)

DATE: MAY 28 1954

FROM : SAC, New York (105-2290)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP
aka: Friends of New Yugoslavia
IS - YU;
REGISTRATION ACT

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

Re Bureau instructions concerning Thumbnail Sketches set forth in SAC letter 54-22, dated 4/27/54.

It is noted that a Thumbnail Sketch pertaining to the captioned organization was furnished the Bureau by letter dated 6/14/51. This Thumbnail Sketch adequately fulfills all requirements set forth in re SAC letter.

1 - NY 100-90311(THUMBNAIL SKETCHES)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-50000)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE TEN LAST.

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DATE 11-15-83 BY 60322

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-50000)

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-50000)

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE TEN LAST.

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6/23, 28-30/54 | REPORT MADE BY
NICHOLAS J. MASTROVICH per |
| TITLE
CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP,
aka: Friends of New Yugoslavia | | | CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU;
REGISTRATION ACT |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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0 17 NY Re: Corrections 7-16-54 ETB/jc
✓ NIKOLA TELESMANIC continues as Chairman of subject organization; others currently active are ANTON CUKOVIC, STANLEY HRONCICH, STEVE VIDOVIC, IVAN BUDINIC, and GEORGE SPANIA, all of whom, according to T-1, are known pro-TITO sympathizers in the NY area. T-1 stated that meetings of the above organization are poorly attended. T-1 stated that at a meeting on 3/26/54, NIKOLA TELESMANIC made the announcement that STEVE VIDOVIC has departed for Yugoslavia for a three month visit. T-1 also advised that arrangements are being made for a picnic to be held by this organization sometime during the summer of 1954. *SN1*

DETAILS:

0-17 NY 9-17-54 ETB/144
RWBS 10-1-54
T-1, of known reliability, advised on April 24, 1954, that NIKOLA TELESMANIC continues to be the Chairman and principal figure of the subject organization. T-1 stated that other individuals who are active in the activities of the subject organization are as follows:

10-1-54
Pro-TITO
ANTON CUKOVIC, STANLEY HRONCICH, STEVE VIDOVIC, IVAN BUDINIC, and GEORGE SPANIA.

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FROM THE SAC, NEW YORK
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T-1 stated that the membership meetings of the subject organization are poorly attended, and the pro-TITO element of the Yugoslav Colony in New York City continued to maintain an attitude of indifference toward the activities of the subject organization. 5

T-1 stated that at one of the last membership meetings held on March 26, 1954, at the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated, 405 West 41 Street, New York City, only six members were in attendance. T-1 stated that it is his opinion that the subject organization is being kept active by the pro-TITO element of the Yugoslav Colony, primarily for reasons of prestige, and added that it is his opinion that the activities of the subject organization have no real significance.

T-1 stated that at the March 26, 1954 membership meeting the principal topic discussed was preparations for a picnic to be held under the auspices of the subject organization sometime during the summer of 1954. T-1 stated that it was pointed out at this meeting that the financial profits derived from this picnic would be utilized for the purpose of shipping goods for charity purposes to Yugoslavia.

T-1 stated that TELESMANIC, Chairman of the subject organization, announced at this membership meeting that STEVE VIDOVIC, Secretary, had departed from New York City on a three month visit to Yugoslavia, and that upon his return he would report to the members of the subject organization regarding his impressions and experiences in Yugoslavia. *Club of H. ...*

T-1 advised that TELESMANIC also stated that the proper arrangements have been made for VIDOVIC to be well received in Yugoslavia, and afforded every opportunity to see as much as possible of present-day Yugoslavia.

T-1 advised on May 29, 1954, that a membership meeting was held at the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home,

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Incorporated, on May 28, 1954, and again only six members attended. T-1 stated that at this meeting, it was reported, TELESMANIC, the Chairman, read a letter which he had received from STEVE VIDOVIC, in which VIDOVIC stated that he has been deeply impressed by the friendly reception afforded him by the Yugoslav Government officials upon his arrival in Yugoslavia.

T-2, of known reliability, was interviewed on June 23, 1954, and stated that he could furnish no pertinent information regarding the activities of the subject organization or any of its members.

The Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc. has been designated by the Attorney General under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

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ECKARDT | [redacted] |
| | 5/28/54 | 5/29/54 | | |
| T-2
[redacted] | 6/23/54 | 6/23/54 | SA NICHOLAS
J.
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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities of
the subject organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, at NY, 4/7/54.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370112)

DATE: 7/9/54

FROM : JJK SAC, New York (105-2290)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP
aka Friends of New Yugoslavia
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU
REGISTRATION ACT

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

Re Bureau letter 7/1/54 entitled "THUMBNAIL SKETCHES ON SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS; IS - C," reflecting that a review of the thumbnail sketches submitted by the New York Office failed to reflect an up-to-date sketch on FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA.

The Bureau's attention is called to New York letter dated 5/28/54, captioned as above, wherein the Bureau was advised that a thumbnail sketch pertaining to the captioned organization and adequately fulfilling Bureau requirements was furnished the Bureau by letter dated 6/14/51.

It is to be noted that this organization is known among the Yugoslav element under both names appearing in the title, although at the present time the name CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP is being used with greater frequency.

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aka: Friends of New Yugoslavia
<i>Com. 2.</i> | | | CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - Y
REGISTRATION ACT |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
<p>NIKOLA TELESMANIC continues as Chairman of captioned organization. No membership meetings held within last three months. A picnic conducted on 8/15/54 in conjunction with Club Sibenik was attended by only twenty-five members. STEVE VIDOVIC, Secretary, recently returned from a trip to Yugoslavia and in conversations with a reliable informant displayed a considerable lack of enthusiasm for the Tito regime.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P* -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>T-1, of known reliability, advised that the captioned organization continues to operate under the leadership of NIKOLA TELESMANIC, Chairman.</p> <p>The informant stated, however, that there have been no membership meetings during the last three months and no activities whatsoever, with the exception of a picnic which was held in conjunction with Club Sibenik, August 15, 1954, at the Maple Grove Park, 160-04 46th Avenue, Flushing, New York.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> | | | |
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The informant has repeatedly stated that Club Sibenik is a pro-Tito organization in New York City whose members are natives of the city of Sibenik in Dalmatia, Yugoslavia.

The informant stated that the aforementioned picnic was a complete failure in that only about twenty-five people attended. The poor attendance at this affair was attributed to rainy weather; however, the informant stated that as everybody knows in Yugoslav circles the completely indifferent attitude of the members towards their club was the primary factor.

In addition, the informant pointed out that neither the Yugoslav Consulate nor any other official Yugoslav establishment in New York City was represented at this affair, although BUDJONCAR, Yugoslav Consul in New York City, did send a wire expressing his best wishes for the success of this affair.

The informant stated that the ostentatious *apparent* lack of moral support on the part of the Yugoslav government officials in this country is being interpreted in Yugoslav circles as a clear indication that the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship has been written off by Yugoslav government officials as a complete failure.

Informant stated the only reason for the continued existence of the organization, at least on paper, is the fact that a formal dissolution at this time would be seized upon by the pro-Stalin element among local Yugoslavs as a propaganda weapon against the pro-Tito groups.

T-2, of known reliability, was interviewed on September 7, 1954 and furnished substantially the same information as T-1. He stated that, with the

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exception of the unsuccessful picnic on August 15, 1954, the club had been totally inactive during the last three months and that no membership meetings were held.

T-3, of known reliability; advised no information concerning the club or any activities sponsored by or participated in by the club had come to his attention.

On September 2, 1954, T-1 advised concerning a conversation he had with STEVE VIDOVIC, Secretary of the captioned organization, following the latter's return from a recent trip to Yugoslavia.

The informant inquired about general conditions in Yugoslavia today and was told by VIDOVIC that: "Some things are good; others are bad;" VIDOVIC made the further remark: "It is alright to live over there for a while provided you have American dollars."

Informant stated that throughout the conversation VIDOVIC displayed a remarkable lack of enthusiasm for present day Yugoslavia and, in contrast to his attitude prior to his trip to Yugoslavia, completely refrained from praising TITO or his government.

Informant pointed out in this connection that at the time of VIDOVIC's departure for Yugoslavia earlier this year NIKOLA TELESMANIC had announced at a membership meeting of the club on March 26, 1954 that proper arrangements had been made for VIDOVIC to be well received in Yugoslavia, and that upon his return to this country, VIDOVIC would report to his fellow club members regarding his impressions and experiences in Yugoslavia;

Informant stated it is indicative of VIDOVIC's changed attitude that no such reports, either oral or in the form of newspaper articles, have been forthcoming from VIDOVIC;

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St., NYC | Activities of
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organization | 9/7/54 | JAMES M.
ANDERSON,
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| T-3
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MASTROVICH | " |

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities
of instant organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA NICHOLAS J. MASTROVICH, NY., 7/6/54.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman *lvb*

DATE: September 27, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka
FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
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Reference is made to a memorandum of the Immigration and Naturalization Service dated September 21, 1954, indicating no reply from the Bureau had been received in response to an earlier request for information dated February 17, 1954. The Director's notation on the memorandum of 9-21-54 reads, "What about this? The delay seems to be out of all reason."

It is to be noted that the information requested by the INS memo of 2-17-54 was furnished by the Bureau's memo to INS dated 6-4-54 but apparently has been misfiled by INS. The INS memo of 2-17-54 referred to 35 T-Informants to whom information was attributed in 16 Bureau reports and requested advice as to the identity of as many as possible of these and any other informants who furnished information in this case. This memo of 2-17-54 from INS was received in the Espionage Section on 2-23-54. Following a review of 47 reports received to that date and identification of numerous informants in addition to those mentioned by INS, Bulet of 3-3-54 instructed New York, Washington Field, and Chicago to review their files and provide by 3-31-54 the information necessary for the Bureau's reply to INS. Chicago's reply was dated 3-25-54 and was received in the Espionage Section on 4-1-54. WFO's reply was dated 4-13-54 and was received in the Espionage Section 4-21-54. New York's reply dated 3-24-54 was received in the Espionage Section 3-30-54 and on 3-31-54 a Bureau air-tel requested additional information which was furnished by New York air-tel of 4-5-54. This necessitated a further review of Bufiles on informant [redacted]. By letter to Detroit of 4-29-54, the Bureau requested [redacted] be interviewed to determine if he could be made available to INS. Detroit was instructed to handle this matter without delay. Detroit's reply dated 5-18-54 was received 5-24-54 in the Espionage Section. Following the location of necessary files and review of the pertinent information, a reply to INS was dictated and went out under date of 6-4-54. *Cw*

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information. It is to be noted a reply to the INS memo of 9-21-54 has been prepared and is dated 9-27-54 quoting Bureau memo to INS of 6-4-54.

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The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

GO R-1 September 27, 1954

Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. Raymond F. Farrell

CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV
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Reference is made to your memorandum of September 21, 1954, in which you indicate you have not received a reply from this Bureau to an earlier memorandum from your Service dated February 17, 1954, concerning the captioned organization.

A review of our file discloses that the following reply was directed to you under date of June 4, 1954:

"Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 17, 1954, with attachment. Your reference 56316/378-T INV:VFP.

"Unfortunately we are unable to make available to you any of the informants requested in your attachment with exception of [redacted] who was designated as T-2 in the report of Special Agent Heinrich Von Eckardt dated February 5, 1953, at New York, New York, captioned as above. [redacted] was formerly [redacted] of [redacted] New York City.

[redacted] publishers of [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] Michigan, and is employed on the late afternoon shift at the [redacted] Rochester Michigan. [redacted] stated that he has no objection to being contacted by your office; however, he desires that he not be contacted at his place of employment.

"You may wish to contact the [redacted] in regard to the identity and availability of the informant who furnished the information attributed to T-14 in the report of Special Agent Heinrich Von Eckardt dated March 8, 1951, at New York, New York, in captioned matter."

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aka: Friends of New Yugoslavia | | | CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NIKOLA TELESMANIC is chairman of subject organization, and STEVE VIDOVIC is secretary. No activities by subject organization have been reported since August, 1954. Subject organization reportedly is to hold its annual meeting during the early part of January, 1955, at which meeting a decision will be made as to whether the organization will be dissolved or continue to exist under a newly elected administration. Reportedly the officials and members of subject organization have shown very little interest in the organization. 7

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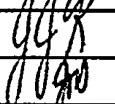
All sources utilized in this report are of known reliability, unless otherwise noted.

Officers

T-1 advised on December 29, 1954, that NIKOLA TELESMANIC is chairman, and STEVE VIDOVIC is secretary of subject organization. T-1 further advised that election of officers was last held in January, 1954.

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Activities

T-2 advised on December 29, 1954, that there have been no meetings of subject organization for more than four months and no activities whatsoever during these four months. T-2 further advised that STEVE VIDOVIC had stated that the subject organization is to hold its annual meeting during the early part of January, 1955, at which meeting a decision will be made as to whether the club will dissolve or continue to exist under a newly elected administration. T-2 advised that VIDOVIC had complained that the officials and members of this organization had shown very little interest in the organization and do not attend any meetings or pay dues. T-2 further advised that it was the opinion of VIDOVIC that the organization will be dissolved.

T-1 advised on December 29, 1954, that in conversation with TELESMANIC and VIDOVIC, he had learned that the subject organization has had no activity since an unsuccessful picnic was held on August 15, 1954, at the Maple Grove Park, 46th Avenue, Flushing, New York. T-1 advised that TELESMANIC and VIDOVIC appear to have little interest in the subject organization and it appears as if this organization has ceased to exist.

T-3 advised on December 22, 1954, that he could furnish no information concerning the activities of subject organization or any of its members.

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activities of
subject organization | 12/29/54 | SAS JAMES M.
ANDERSON and
JOHN E. HEGARTY | Instant Report

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[redacted] | Activities of
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[redacted] | Activities of
subject organization | 12/22/54 | SA NICHOLAS
J. MASTROVICH | Instant Report |
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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities
of subject organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, 9/24/54, New York.

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FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA, Also
Known As, Club of American-Yugoslav
Friendship

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised in May, 1951, that the Friends of New Yugoslavia was founded subsequent to the Tito-Cominform split and that it maintains the relationship of close and direct cooperation with official representatives of the Yugoslav Government in this country. According to this informant, the Friends of New Yugoslavia attempted to enlist the support of Yugoslav Americans for the regime of Marshall Tito and the Yugoslav Communist Party and acts as liaison between the Yugoslav Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party in this country.

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JOHN E. HEGARTY, man |
| TITLE
CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP,
aka | | | CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY -YU;
REGISTRATION ACT |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject organization reportedly held a meeting on 1/28/55, at which meeting it was unanimously voted to disband subject organization. The money remaining in the treasury reportedly is to be sent to the Yugoslav Red Cross in Yugoslavia.

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DETAILS:

T-1, who is familiar with some of the Yugoslav activities in the New York City area, and who is a member of subject organization, advised on February 10, 1955, that on January 28, 1955, subject organization held a meeting at Mike's Bar and Grill, 650 10th Avenue, New York City.

T-1 further advised that prior to this meeting, notices had been sent out to all of the members of subject organization announcing that a meeting was to be held on January 28, 1955, and that a vote was to be taken as to whether the organization should be disbanded or not.

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T-1 stated that only eight persons attended this meeting including NIKOLA TELESMANIC, Chairman, and STEVE VIDOVIC, Secretary. T-1 advised that at this meeting it was unanimously voted to disband subject organization and it was unanimously voted to send the \$150 which remained in the treasury to the Yugoslav Red Cross.

T-1 further advised that the main reason for disbanding subject organization was the lack of interest shown by its members as evidenced by the attendance of only eight persons at the final meeting.

On February 11, 1955, T-2, of known reliability, advised that on February 3, 1955, TOM ^{N.Y.} LATIN, Treasurer and Accountant of subject organization, had advised T-2 of the following information:

The Club of American Yugoslav Friendship held its regular annual meeting on January 21, 1955, from 8 PM to 10:30 PM in an apartment above Mike's Bar and Grill, 650 10th Avenue, New York City. Despite the fact that STEVE VIDOVIC, Secretary, had mailed special invitation cards to all of the members of subject organization urging their attendance at this meeting, only eight persons attended the meeting which meant that not even all of the members of the administration were present.

T-2 further advised that LATIN had stated that the meeting was opened by NIKOLA TELESMANIC, Chairman. In his brief speech, TELESMANIC stated that in view of the fact that the members of the Club have not been attending meetings, have not been paying their dues, and have not had any interest in the activities of the Club, it was his suggestion that the Club be dissolved.

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This suggestion was accepted unanimously without any discussion.

TOMA LATIN then submitted a report on the financial activities of subject organization for the year 1954 and advised that \$160 in cash remained in the treasury. TELESMANIC immediately suggested that this amount should be sent to the people of Yugoslavia through the Yugoslav Red Cross in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. This suggestion was accepted unanimously without any discussion.

T-2 further advised that LATIN had stated that at this meeting a decision was made to publish a short history of subject organization in the form of a small brochure and NIKOLA TELESMANIC, TOMA LATIN and STEVE VIDOVIC accepted the responsibility for preparing the brochure.

On March 10, 1955, T-2 advised that STEVE VIDOVIC had stated that a brochure containing a short history of subject organization probably will not be published.

T-2 further advised that VIDOVIC gave no reason as to why this brochure will probably not be published.

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1/28/55 | 2/10/55 | JAMES M.
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JOHN E.
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN E. HEGARTY, 1/13/55, NY.

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SAC, New York (105-2290) (orig and 1)

April 21, 1955

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CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Reper SA John E. Hegarty dated 4-4-55 wherein
[redacted] is referred to by the T symbol T-1.

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Page 4 of reran reflects a T symbol was used
in this instance at [redacted]'s request after careful
consideration had been given to the matter of protecting
his identity.

Your letter of 2-18-55 concerning [redacted]
(New York file 100-86918) recommended deletion of his
name from Security Index and pointed out he had openly
testified at an INS hearing held on [redacted]. In view of
[redacted]'s testimony and instructions in SAC Letter 55-26
(E) dated 3-29-55, you are requested to advise the Bureau
whether [redacted] has been contacted to ascertain the
necessity for continuing to protect his identity in Bureau
reports. If not, he ~~is to be~~ contacted immediately in an
effort to secure his consent to the use of his name as the
source of information he has furnished.

Designate copies of your reply for your file
100-86918 and Bufile 100-359446 on [redacted].

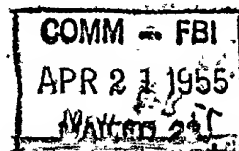
If amended pages for reran are necessary comply
with instructions in SAC Letter 55-28 (B) dated 3-16-55.

A copy of this letter is designated for your
file 100-86918 on [redacted].

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370142)

DATE: 4/25/55 37752

FROM : SAC, New York (105-2290)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka
IS - YU

ReBulet 4/21/55 and rep SA JOHN E. HEGARTY, NY, 4/4/55.

Relet points out that [] is referred to by the T symbol T-1 in rerep and requests advice as to whether he has been contacted to ascertain the necessity for continuing to protect his identity.

Although [] has testified openly at INS hearings, he has been contacted subsequent to his testimony by agents of the NYO, the last occasion being on 2/10/55. On each occasion, [] has pointed out that his wife has received threatening letters as a result of his testimony and he has requested that whenever information given by him is used in a report that his name be kept confidential. Accordingly, the NYO has respected the wishes of this individual and has protected his identity by a T symbol.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370142)

DATE: ~~5/31/55~~

FROM : SAC, New York (105-2290)

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SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN-YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka: also known as
 Friends of New Yugoslavia
 IS - YU
 REGISTRATION ACT

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

The following is a proposed thumbnail sketch concerning the captioned organization:

On February 26, 1951, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a general membership meeting of the Friends of New Yugoslavia was held on February 23, 1951, at which meeting a proposal was unanimously adopted by the membership to change the name of the organization from the Friends of New Yugoslavia to the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship. According to T-1, similar clubs in existence elsewhere in the country will follow the example of the New York organization.

T-1 advised on May 28, 1951, that this organization was founded subsequent to the TITO-Cominform split and that it maintains the relationship of close and direct cooperation with official representatives of the Yugoslav Government in this country. According to T-1, this organization attempted to enlist the support of Yugoslav Americans for the regime of MARSHAL TITO and the Yugoslav Communist Party and acts as liason between the Yugoslav Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party in this country.

T-1 advised on February 11, 1955, that on February 3, 1955, TOMA LATIN, Treasurer and Accountant of this organization in NYC, had advised T-1 that a meeting of this organization was held on January 28, 1955, at which meeting a suggestion was unanimously accepted to disband the organization in NYC.

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1-NY 100-90311 (Thumbnail Sketch) (#7-2)

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Rebulet to NY, 4/21/55 entitled "CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV
FRIENDSHIP", aka; IS-YU.

On 5/6/55, [redacted] was interviewed during which time a discussion was held with him regarding his request that his relationship with the Bureau be kept confidential. It was pointed out to [redacted] that since he had openly testified at an IES hearing, the Bureau desired that he reappraise his situation and consider agreeing to having his identity set forth openly.

[redacted] was questioned whether he has received any more threatening phone calls since his testimony at the IES hearing on 6/2/54. [redacted] advised that he has not received any threatening calls in the recent past; however, he wished sufficient time to make a decision regarding this matter.

On 5/13/55, [redacted] was reinterviewed at which time he stated that he had given the matter serious thought. [redacted] informed he had decided that he was again available to testify. [redacted] also agreed to having his identity set forth openly in reports.

In view of the above, all information attributed to [redacted] in the future will be set forth in such a manner that it will be clearly reflected in the details that this information emanated from [redacted]

In accordance with instructions in referenced Bulet, the NYO will submit amended pages for the NYO report of SA JOHN E. HEGARTY dated 4/4/55. It should be noted that [redacted] agreed to having his identity disclosed subsequent to the period of this report. The NYO recommends no administrative action against agent personnel involved in view of the fact that [redacted] identity was being protected since he had specifically requested that it be, and only on 5/13/55 did he state that his status had changed.

Regarding information previously furnished in report form emanating from [redacted] in which [redacted]'s identity was concealed, the NYO will submit amended pages only in those cases when the Bureau specifically instructs that amended pages be submitted.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-370142)

DATE: 8/29/55

FROM : SAC, New York (105-2290)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP
aka: Friends of New Yugoslavia
IS-YU
REGISTRATION ACT

Re my letter to Bureau dated 6/10/55, and thumbnail sketch of captioned organization.

On 6/20/55, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JAMES M. ANDERSON that subject organization held a picnic in North Bergen, NJ, on 6/19/55. The affair was well organized. According to informant, it was a success from a financial and propaganda standpoint. Approximately 150 persons attended.

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During the latter part of May, 1955, the Pro-Titoist leaders from NYC, decided to organize the picnic at the suggestion of the Yugoslav diplomatic representatives in NYC, under the sponsorship of captioned organization.

Informant stated he had been advised by ALEXANDER JURIC, a Pro-Tito figure in NYC, that captioned organization intends to renew its activities.

He stated that he has been unsuccessful in determining what interest Yugoslav diplomats have in seeing the Club's activities restored.

The above facts are for the Bureau's information. The NYO has alerted informants of the possible reactivation of this Club. Should information be received that the organization has reactivated, the Bureau will be appropriately advised, and the case will be reopened to determine if the Club is engaged in any activity inimical to the best interest of the USA.

Should information furnished by [redacted] be disseminated, it should be appropriately paraphrased to further protect informant's identity.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370142)

DATE: MAY 23 1956

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-2290)

SUBJECT: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV
FRIENDSHIP, aka: Friends of
New Yugoslavia
IS-YU
REGISTRATION ACT

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

The following amended thumbnail sketch is being submitted:

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 5/4/56 that the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship was known prior to 1951 as the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

T-1 stated this organization was founded subsequent to the TITO-Cominform split in 1948. The officers maintained close cooperation with official representatives of the Yugoslav Government in this country. According to T-1, the organization was composed of a number of persons who possessed pro-TITO sympathies. The organization sponsored various affairs in an effort to present New Yugoslavia favorably as well as collecting money and relief articles to be forwarded to the needy in Yugoslavia.

T-1 advised on 2/11/55, that on 2/3/55, TOMA LATEN, Treasurer and Accountant of this organization in NYC, had advised T-1 that a meeting of this organization was held on 1/28/55, at which meeting a suggestion was unanimously accepted to disband the organization in NYC.

Careful consideration has been given to concealing this source whose identity must be protected.

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